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1. FIGHTING IN MARJAYUN. ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS FROM LEBANESE ARMY HEADQUARTERS EARLY APRIL 11, THE TOWN OF MARJAYUN IS GENERALLY SURROUNDED BY PALESTINIAN FORCES, BUT THERE IS LITTLE MOVEMENT ON THE GROUND. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE PALESTINIANS WILL ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER MARJAYUN OR WILL STAND STILL IN PRESENT LOCATIONS. ON APRIL 10 THERE WAS INTENSIVE ARTILLERY FIRE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS. CHRISTIAN FORCES AT QULAYAH REPORTEDLY SHELLED
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NABATIYAH, USING WHITE PHOSPHOROUS SHELLS WHICH SET A NUMBER OF FIRES. LEBANESE ARMY SOURCES REPORT THAT THE PALESTINIANS HAVE TURNED OVER KHAM TO THE CONTROL OF VARIOUS LEBANESE LEFTISTS.

2. VANGUARDS AS A NEUTRAL FORCE. WE UNDERSTAND THE IDEA IS BEING DISCUSSED THAT NEUTRALIST SYRIAN-

DOMINATED "VANGUARDS" OF THE LEBANESE ARMY MAY ENTER SOME AREAS OF THE SOUTH AS A NEUTRAL FORCE TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND.

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR A STANDSTILL. THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE KFUR FRONT LEADERSHIP HAVE ALL INDICATED THEY ARE AGREED TO A STANDSTILL CEASE-FIRE IN PRESENT LOCATIONS. CONTACTS AMONG KFUR LEADERS, SYRIANS, AND PALESTINIANS ARE STILL GOING ON. AN IMPORTANT FACTOR AFFECTING THE PALESTINIANS ATTITUDE TOWARD A CEASE-FIRE AT THIS TIME IS THE INTENSITY OF CHRISTIAN (AND ISRAELI) ARTILLERY FIRE ON THEIR POSITIONS IN NABATIYAH, MARJAYUN AND KHIAM WHICH THEY REPORTEDLY REGARD AS AN ESCALATION. PARKER

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